

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building October 21, 2004 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Bob Newsome, Vice Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Geri Simon; Brennan Engle, Free Press; Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mark Scott, Manhattan Mercury; Maxine Coffey, United Way; Julie Winter, Administrative Assistant; and Charlotte Shawver, Register of Deeds, attended.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2004 as amended. Newsome seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Tamara Wible, a new hire, as a JIACM/Safe & Drug Free Schools position (grant funded), in the Community Corrections Department, at a grade 9 step 1, at \$14.68 per hour.

Kearns said there has been a request to allow alcohol at a Wedding reception that will be held at Pottorf Hall.

9:00 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

- **Administrative Work Session**

Julie Winter, Administrative Assistant; Brennan Engle, Free Press; Geri Simon; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Morgan discussed a statute that prohibits alcohol on county property. Morgan said the use of alcohol on county property can be changed by a Home Rule Resolution.

Morgan said in 2001 the commissioners approved a Home Rule Resolution prohibiting alcohol on county property; "Resolution No. 092701-56, Home Rule Resolution prohibiting certain activity upon County owned property in CiCo Park in Manhattan, Kansas, including parking trucks and trailers; prohibiting commercial activity; parking of vehicles or other property for sale; possession or consumption of alcoholic beverage or cereal malt beverage; designating open hours; providing for exceptions."

The Board of County Commissioners said they are not in favor of changing the policy. Morgan was asked to send a letter to the interested party to that effect.

9:15 Charlotte Shawver, Register of Deeds

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Brennan Engle, Free Press; Geri Simon; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Shawver presented and discussed the findings of the Register of Deeds' most recent research for the abstracter project.

Shawver said the issues of the level of access and usage fees for Riley County Register of Deeds' records are still being reviewed. Shawver discussed two levels of access and copy fees.

9:30 Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Brennan Engle, Free Press; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Butler said in the last 90-days inquiries in businesses interested in the area have picked up to the highest since he has been with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

Butler said he appreciates the support from the Board of County Commissioners.

10:00 Recessed until 4:00 p.m.

4:00 City/County Meeting at County Offices

Representing the County were Mike Kearns, Bob Newsome, Alvan Johnson – County Commissioners; Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk; Leon Hobson, Director of Public Works/County Engineer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Director of Public Works/Parks Director; Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development. Representing the City of Manhattan were Mark Taussig, Brad Everett – City Commissioners; Ron Fehr, City Manager; Jason Hilgers, Redevelopment Coordinator; Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager. Blaine Thomas; Mark Scott, Manhattan Mercury; Geri Simon; Brennan Engle, Free Press; Lyle Butler and John Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; and Steve Berland, BG Consultants, attended.

Hobson said he received a letter from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) yesterday regarding the K-18 Corridor. Hobson said KDOT concurred with the recommendation to expedite the process by continuing with BG Consultants and the proposed scope of work.

Berland discussed the K-18 Corridor study that was done in May 2003. Berland said the results were the obvious solution economically at the time the study was done.

Berland said the K-18 Corridor study will need to be revised. Berland said the railroad, and accommodating the airport and Fort Riley's needs will all need to be considered in the new plan.

Fehr discussed the bridge pier use.

Thomas presented and discussed his idea for the city's bridge pier.

Stoddard said the city challenged their census figures. Stoddard said the City of Manhattan gained 2,000 additional residents as a result of the protest.

Stoddard said the Census Bureau is working on the issue.

Stoddard said the county should challenge their census figures.

4:46 Johnson moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 3-0.